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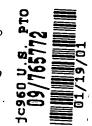
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Title:

HANDWRITING RECOGNITION BY WORD SEPARATION INTO SILLOUETTE BAR CODES AND OTHER FEATURE EXTRACTION

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

Pages Specification 41 Claims 5 Abstract

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